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States of Origin for Estimated Major Movements of
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables During the Month of October 1946

Refrigerator car loadings still remain heavy, however the tight situation in California was overcome about September 1, due to the decreased loading and the increased receipt of empty refrigerator cars from the East. The AAR states that this temporary decrease has enabled railroads to get a little protection supply built up in California and other producing areas in anticipation of the greatly increased loading which started on September 15. Indications are that after this date the car supply will be tight for the balance of the fall and winter months. Our estimates reveal that 22,839 or 8.36 percent more refrigerator cars will be required during the months of September, October and November for fresh fruits and vegetables than were loaded during the corresponding months in 1945.

Potato loading is getting under way in Wisconsin and the Red River Valley and started in volume from Maine on September 15. The movement of potatoes from Idaho and Nebraska is increasing. The movement of grapes from California has been held up on account of weather conditions but will start in heavy volume about September 25. Grapefruit commenced to move from Florida in light volume on September 15.

Record production of many commercial crops this year is now virtually assured. Production of these truck crops for the entire year, based on estimates made to date, is expected to be about 10 percent larger than the 1945 record high and 38 percent above the 1935-44 average. Some of the outstanding tonnages expressed as percentages of 1945 are as follows: honey dew melons, 152; honey ball melons, 143; onions, 142; tomatoes, 110; cucumbers, 112; celery, 119; green peppers, 112; beets, 117; and spinach, 108.

As for fruits, the 1946-crop season of deciduous fruits apparently will be considerably higher than last year. This year's commercial apple crop is two-thirds larger than that of 1945. Record large crops of plums and a near record crop of apricots have been produced this year, and the pear crop is estimated to be as large as last year's record. The near record crop of grapes is slightly above last year's.

The citrus crop which is now coming along is expected to be another record. Condition reports as of August 1 pointed to new highs in the production of both oranges and grapefruit.

Our estimates indicate that approximately 103,200 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables will be shipped during the month of October 1946, compared with the revised estimate of 93,770 cars in September 1946, and an increase of 2.4 percent over the 100,744 cars shipped during October 1945.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the North Pacific Region during October 1946, have been estimated to reach 22,720 carloads. Those that will move in large volume are shown below:

North Pacific Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>		
	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Oregon</u>	<u>Idaho</u>
Apples	5,625	350	950
Carrots	4	20	120
Celery	60	200	10
Lettuce & Romaine	20	790	1,400
Mixed Deciduous Fruits	340	10	-
Onions	20	500	820
Pears	2,240	1,350	1
Potatoes	1,200	1,400	5,000

The general commodities estimated to move in volume in carload lots in the South Pacific Region during October 1946, are as follows:

South Pacific Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>California</u>	
Apples	410	
Cantaloups	100	
Carrots	630	
Casaba Melons	90	
Celery	860	
Grapes	12,550	
Honey Dew Melons	540	
Lemons	1,150	
Lettuce & Romaine	3,600	
Mixed Melons	130	
Mixed Vegetables	1,500	
Onions	570	
Oranges & Satsumas	4,000	
Pears	300	
Peas, green	120	
Potatoes	1,500	
Sweetpotatoes	135	
Tomatoes	3,285	

Shipments other than the more important ones listed above for California that are estimated to originate in the South Pacific Region will aggregate 530 carloads, approximately 40 of which are expected to move out of Arizona.

Principal carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Southwestern Region (excluding Texas) during October 1946 total 2,410. Those to move in volume are 900 cars of sweetpotatoes, 130 cars of cucumbers and 100 cars of snap beans from Louisiana; 590 cars of snap beans and 100 cars of apples from New Mexico; 120 cars of onions from Kansas and 125 cars of apples from Missouri.

Important carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in Texas and Florida during October 1946 follow below:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>Texas</u>	<u>Florida</u>
Beans, snap & lima	-	40
Cucumbers	-	70
Grapefruit	1,700	3,000
Lemons	125	-
Mixed Citrus Fruits	650	600
Mixed Vegetables	65	110
Oranges & Satsumas	200	2,000
Peppers, green	75	-

Total estimated shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Rocky Mountain Region during October 1946 will approximate 7,885 carloads. Of this total 77 percent will originate in Colorado and 18 percent in Utah, while the balance, or 5 percent, will move out of Montana and Wyoming. The major carload shipments to originate in Colorado and Utah are listed below by commodities.

Rocky Mountain Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>Colorado</u>	<u>Utah</u>
Apples	700	270
Cantaloups	30	10
Carrots	15	100
Cauliflower	95	-
Celery	15	215
Cabbage	210	70
Mixed Vegetables	635	5
Onions	1,790	230
Peaches	80	10
Pears	120	15
Potatoes	2,300	450
Tomatoes	50	10

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables expected to originate in the North Central Region during October 1946 are estimated to be 6,810. About 92 percent of these movements are accounted for by potatoes. Principal shipments by States and commodities are as follow:

North Central Region

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads				
	<u>Iowa</u>	<u>Minnesota</u>	<u>Nebraska</u>	<u>North Dakota</u>	<u>South Dakota</u>
Cabbage	50	105	-	-	-
Onions	10	240	-	-	-
Potatoes	80	1,500	450	4,065	140
Turnips & Rutabagas	-	50	-	-	-

October 1946 carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Middle Atlantic States will be approximately 8,120. About 67 percent of these carload movements will originate in New York State and 20 percent in New Jersey. The balance will be distributed through the States of West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania and will consist chiefly of apple carload shipments as follows: Pennsylvania 120; West Virginia 350; Maryland 180; and Delaware 75. The principal movements are shown below for New York and New Jersey.

Middle Atlantic Region

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads	
	<u>New York</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Apples	200	-
Carrots	470	-
Cauliflower	390	-
Celery	440	-
Beets	170	-
Cabbage	650	-
Cranberries	-	90
Onions	325	-
Peaches	65	-
Pears	80	-
Potatoes	2,520	1,420
Tomatoes	50	-
Sweetpotatoes	-	80

The estimated carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Great Lakes Region in October 1946 will aggregate 5,795 carloads. The major movements are listed below by commodities and States:

Great Lakes Region

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads				
	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Michigan</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>
Apples	400	25	75	600	210
Carrots	-	-	-	150	100
Celery	-	-	-	280	-
Cabbage	-	-	-	-	1,480
Cranberries	-	-	-	-	200
Onions	-	70	15	450	50
Peaches	-	-	-	80	-
Potatoes	-	-	-	490	710
Tomatoes	-	45	30	-	25

Principal carload shipments to originate in the Southern Region (excluding Florida) during October 1946 are estimated to be as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads	
	<u>North Carolina</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
Apples	170	1,000
Beans, snap & lima	10	90
Sweetpotatoes	20	410

The estimated shipments listed above represent 87 percent of the total contemplated movements out of this Region during October.

Shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the New England Region in October 1946 will approximate 6,785 carloads. These will consist principally of 6,000 cars of potatoes from Maine and 95 cars from Massachusetts. In addition, it is expected that Massachusetts will ship 400 cars of cranberries and 190 cars of apples.

